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**TESTIMONY OF THE  
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16**

**REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO ESTABLISH A  
TASK FORCE TO REVIEW HAWAII'S CURRENT VOTER EDUCATION  
SYSTEM AND PROPOSE IMPROVEMENTS**

**April 1, 2019**

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Resolution No. 16. The purpose of this resolution is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to establish a task force to review Hawaii's current voter education system and propose improvements.

The Office of Elections believes in an informed electorate and promoting elections. Currently, our office implements an outreach program to educate the public about voting services, voting procedures, and voting rights. During an election year, in addition to our outreach program, we develop a media campaign which focuses on recruiting election day officials, dates and deadlines, voter registration, and voting instructions. We believe this task force would help us to identify best practices and develop new programs to maximize voter registration and encourage participation in the electoral process.

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